



PATENT

Client-Matter No.: 66872-016

(P-AR 4802)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Steward et al.

Serial No.: 09/942,098

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS  
FOR CLOSTRIDIAL TOXINS

) Confirmation No: 6185

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) Group Art Unit: 1645

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) Examiner: N. Minnifield

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) Andrea L. Gashler, Registration No.: 41,029

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

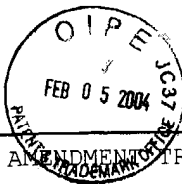
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- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- X Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- X No additional claims fee is required.
- An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	NUMBER AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENTED		RATE		FEE	
							SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	48	-	166	-	0	x	\$9	\$18	= \$	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	-	7	-	0	x	\$42	\$84	= \$	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			YES		X NO		\$140	\$280	= \$	\$0
							TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE		\$	\$0.00

- \* If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\* If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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